Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently amended) A method for price auditing in a supply chain management framework wherein there are a plurality of independent stores, distributors, a supply chain system computer and a supply chain manager, comprising:

a)   the supply chain manager negotiating landed costs or markups for various different goods with a plurality of distributors, wherein the landed cost is a good cost plus the markup;

b)   the supply chain system computer collecting data from a plurality of independent stores of a the supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the amount of completed sales sale of goods by the respective independent stores;

c)   generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain;

d)   the respective stores initiating the sending of the electronic order forms pertaining thereto to one or more of the distributors utilizing the network;

e)   receiving invoices from the distributors utilizing the network;

f)   calculating via a computer a price for at least one of the goods utilizing at least one of the electronic order forms and/or at least one of the invoices; and

g)   the supply chain system computer comparing the price for the at least one good to the landed cost for the good; and auditing the price

h)   generating a communication if the comparison indicates a discrepancy between the price and the landed cost.

2.   (Cancelled) The method of claim 1, wherein the price is audited by comparing the price to a predetermined amount.

3.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the <u>comparing step</u> <u>uses</u>~~price of the goods is calculated from the electronic order forms utilizing~~ a table mapping a plurality of goods with a plurality of ~~prices~~<u>landed costs</u>.

4.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the stores.

5.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the ~~stores~~<u>supply chain system computer</u>.

6.   (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein <u>the communication is</u> an electronic mail alert ~~is~~ generated in response to the audit.

7.   (Currently amended) A system for price auditing in a supply chain management framework,<u> wherein there are a plurality of independent stores, distributors, a supply chain system computer and a supply chain manager,</u> comprising:

a)   <u>logic for the supply chain manager negotiating landed costs or markups for various different goods with a plurality of distributors, wherein the landed cost is a good cost plus the markup;</u>

b)   logic for <u>the supply chain system computer</u> collecting data from a plurality of <u>independent</u> stores of a<u>the</u> supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the <u>amount of completed sales</u>~~sale~~ of goods by the <u>respective independent</u> stores;

c)   logic for generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain;

d)   logic for <u>the respective stores initiating the</u> sending <u>of</u> the electronic order forms <u>pertaining thereto</u> to <u>one or more of</u> the distributors utilizing the network;

e)   logic for receiving invoices from the distributors utilizing the network;

f)   logic for calculating <u>via a computer</u> a price for <u>at least one of</u> the goods utilizing <u>at least one of</u> the electronic order forms and<u>/or</u> <u>at least one of</u> the invoices; ~~and~~

g)   <u>logic for the supply chain system computer comparing the price for the at least one good to the landed cost for the good; and</u>~~auditing the price~~

h)   <u>logic for generating a communication if the comparison indicates a discrepancy between the price and the landed cost</u>

8.   (Cancelled) The system of claim 7, wherein the price is audited by comparing the price to a predetermined amount.

9.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the <u>comparing step uses</u>~~price of the goods is calculated from the electronic order forms utilizing~~ a table mapping a plurality of goods with a plurality of ~~prices~~<u>landed cost</u>.

10.   (Previously presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the stores.

11.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the ~~stores~~<u>supply chain system computer</u>.

12.   (Currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein <u>the communication comprises</u> an electronic mail alert ~~is~~ generated in response to the audit.

13.   (Currently amended) A computer program product for price auditing in a supply chain management framework<u>, wherein there are a plurality of independent stores, distributors, a supply chain system computer and a supply chain manager</u>, comprising:

a)   <u>the supply chain manager negotiating landed costs or markups for various different goods with a plurality of distributors, wherein the landed cost is a good cost plus the markup;</u>

b) computer code for <u>the supply chain system computer</u> collecting data from a plurality of <u>independent</u> stores of a<u>the</u> supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the <u>amount of completed sales</u>sale of goods by the <u>respective independent</u> stores;

c) computer code for generating electronic order forms based on the data for ordering goods from a plurality of distributors of the supply chain;

d) computer code for <u>the respective stores initiating the</u> sending <u>of</u> the electronic order forms <u>pertaining thereto</u> to <u>one or more of</u> the distributors utilizing the network;

e) computer code for receiving invoices from the distributors utilizing the network;

f) computer code for calculating <u>via a computer</u> a price for <u>at least one of</u> the goods utilizing <u>at least one of</u> the electronic order forms and<u>/or</u> <u>at least one of</u> the invoices; ~~and~~

g) <u>computer code for the supply chain system computer comparing the price for</u> <u>the at least one good to the landed cost for the good; and</u>auditing the price

h) <u>computer code for generating a communication if the comparison indicates a</u> <u>discrepancy between the price and the landed cost</u>

14. (Cancelled) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the price is audited by comparing the price to a predetermined amount.

15. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the <u>comparing step uses</u>price of the goods is calculated from the electronic order forms utilizing a table mapping a plurality of goods with a plurality of prices<u>landed costs</u>.

16. (Previously presented) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the stores.

17. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the electronic order forms are generated by the stores<u>supply chain system computer</u>.

18.   (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 13, wherein <u>the communication comprises</u> an electronic mail alert ~~is~~ generated in response to the audit.